

Public Hearing. The (department name) intends to adopt a rule after a public hearing following the procedures set forth in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, parts 1400.2200 to 1400.2240, and the Administrative Procedure Act, Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The agency will hold a public hearing on the above-entitled rule at (place), starting at (time hearing starts) on ______, ____, and continuing until the hearing is completed. Additional days of hearing will be scheduled if necessary. All interested or affected persons will have an opportunity to participate by submitting either oral or written data, statements, or arguments. Statements may be submitted without appearing at the hearing.

Administrative Law Judge. The hearing will be conducted by (name, address, telephone number, and fax number of judge). The rule hearing procedure is governed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.131 to 14.20, and by the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, Minnesota Rules, parts 1400.2000 to 1400.2240. Questions concerning the rule hearing procedure should be directed to the Administrative Law Judge.

Subject of Rule, Statutory Authority, and Agency Contact Person. The proposed rule is about (subject of rule and, if applicable, that an entire rule is being repealed and a citation to the rule). The proposed rules are authorized by Minnesota Statutes, section (specific section number). A copy of the proposed rule is published in the State Register and attached to this notice as mailed. (If the proposed rule is not attached to the mailed notice, then this notice must include an easily readable and understandable description of the rule's nature and effect and include the announcement that: A free copy of the rule is available upon request from the agency contact person.) The agency contact person is: (name, address, telephone number, fax number [optional], and e-mail address [optional]).

Statement of Need and Reasonableness. A Statement of Need and Reasonableness is now available for review at the agency offices and at the Office of Administrative Hearings. This statement contains a summary of the justification for the proposed rule, including a description of who will be affected by the proposed rule and an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed rule. The statement may be reviewed and copies obtained at the cost of reproduction from the agency.

Other notices required by law or chosen to be inserted in this notice.

Public Comment. You and all interested or affected persons, including representatives of associations and other interested groups, will have an opportunity to participate. You may

present your views either orally at the hearing or in writing at any time before the close of the hearing record. All evidence presented should relate to the proposed rule. You may also submit written material to the Administrative Law Judge to be recorded in the hearing record for five working days after the public hearing ends. This five-day comment period may be extended for a longer period not to exceed 20 calendar days if ordered by the Administrative Law Judge at the hearing. Following the comment period, there is a five-working-day rebuttal period during which the agency and any interested person may respond in writing to any new information submitted. No additional evidence may be submitted during the five-day rebuttal period. All comments and responses submitted to the Administrative Law Judge must be received at the Office of Administrative Hearings no later than 4:30 p.m. on the due date. All comments or responses received will be available for review at the Office of Administrative Hearings.

The agency requests that any person submitting written views or data to the Administrative Law Judge prior to the hearing or during the comment or rebuttal period also submit a copy of the written views or data to the agency contact person at the address stated above.

Accommodation. If you need an accommodation to make this hearing accessible, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Modifications. The proposed rules may be modified as a result of the rule hearing process. Modifications must be supported by data and views presented during the rule hearing process, and the adopted rule may not be substantially different than this proposed rule unless the procedure under part 1400.2110 has been followed. If the proposed rule affects you in any way, you are encouraged to participate.

Adoption Procedure After Hearing. After the close of the hearing record, the Administrative Law Judge will issue a report on the proposed rule. You may ask to be notified of the date when the judge's report will become available, and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the Administrative Law Judge. You may also ask to be notified of the date on which the agency adopts the rule and files it with the Secretary of State, or ask to register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings, and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the agency contact person stated above.

Lobbyist Registration. Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10A, requires each lobbyist to register with the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. Questions regarding this requirement may be directed to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board at: (address, telephone number).

Order. I order that the rulemaking hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed above.

| Dated: | |
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| | Name |
| | Title |

Statutory Authority: MS s 14.386; 14.388; 14.51; 15.474

History: 20 SR 2058; L 1997 c 202 art 2 s 63; L 1998 c 254 art 1 s 107; 26 SR 391

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